

BOOK NEWS and REVIEWS

"PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY"—Rita Snowden — Price 80c (Postage 15c).

It is laid out in a most helpful way. There is a prayer for a wife and a prayer for a husband and a prayer for both together for each day; and the children have their share. Miss Snowden, it seems to me, has entered with deep sympathy and understanding into the minds of ordinary people who have to do the ordinary work of the world. (WILLIAM BARCLAY).

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The author considers the profound changes affecting the forms and the patterns of ministry and mission.

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My parish is the gutter, and you won't find any children living in it. There are only people, big ones and little ones. The little people are born to the big people, conceived in hate and shame and sin. They are born old . . .

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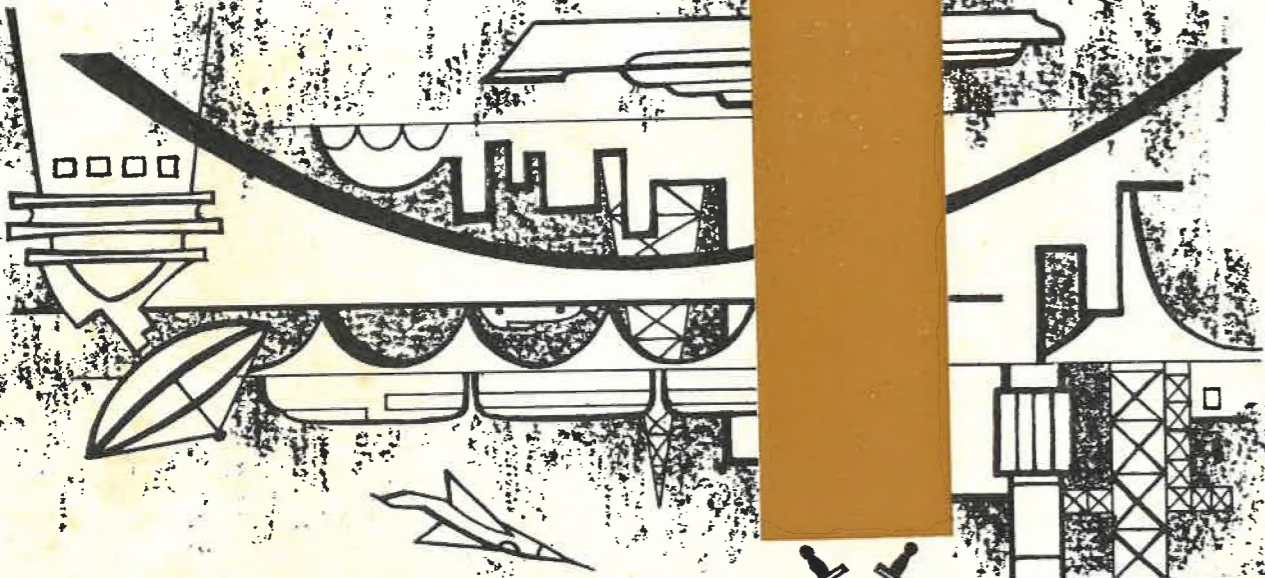
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biscuits or, if feeling more ambitious some pickles or cheese and bacon on toast. Some of them cook whatever they have learnt to cook at school the previous week whilst others try out new recipes which sound interesting in the recipe book. This is quite ambitious when cooking for so many but is good practice in working out the correct quantities. Some of the older girls have their boy friends around at the weekends and, like all teenagers they have their problems with the younger members of the family. We often hear the complaint "why do the little ones hang around when the boys come?". So you see we have the same problems and joys as any other family. I notice that they always find some way of getting away from the little ones. There's no doubt that teenagers thrive on noise these days. The record player and radio are often turned up to full volume to fend the air with nerve-shattering sounds which would surely deafen anyone but a teenager!



The little ones love dressing up, playing at houses, putting on a concert or, on hot days, splashing about in our portable pool. There are also swings, slippery dips and monkey bars in the garden to help entertain them. A regular event is the trip to the local shop to spend their pocket money, learning to stretch it to get the best value.

Our Lord said many things to children and about children. On one occasion the disciples wanted to send away the children and they rebuked those who brought them to Jesus. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them; for of such belongs the Kingdom of God." (Luke 18.v16).

So here at Farr House in Adelaide we receive girls from the age of 5 years until they finish school. Farr House is in the suburb of Springfield in the foothills about five miles from the city. The Home is in very pleasant surroundings and has been in existence for 110 years and has been situated at Springfield for the past 60 or so years.

The girls come here from broken homes or because they are destitute or neglected. At first they are often disturbed and unhappy and find it hard to trust people. Naturally they come from a great variety of backgrounds and present a wide variety of temperaments. At the moment we have 21 girls in our large "family", the youngest being just five and the eldest almost sixteen.

A child coming into the Home has many adjustments to make such as learning to get along with the other children, living in vastly different surroundings, eating in the large dining room with its children, sleeping in dormitories with other many tables with six people at each table, seeing so many people about all the time — staff, visitors, etc. We go to church every Sunday as a family at the parish church of St. Michael, Mitcham, where some of the older girls sing in the choir. The Rector calls in on Tuesday evenings to take a shortened Evensong in our own little chapel and we also have chapel each evening for a few minutes conducted in turn by the senior girls.

On Sundays the senior girls enjoy practicing their culinary art, two at a time, on the rest of us! They select their menu for tea and prepare and cook what's necessary and make a dessert. They also make something for supper, a cake, some

A Prayer for the Church Army

Grant O God, to the Officers of The Church Army—

The Faith which sees the Cross and knows that all men may be redeemed;

The Hope which sees the empty tomb and knows that good must triumph over evil;

The Love which sees Jesus and knows that in Him alone the hearts of men can be fully

satisfied;

For His Name's sake.

Amen.

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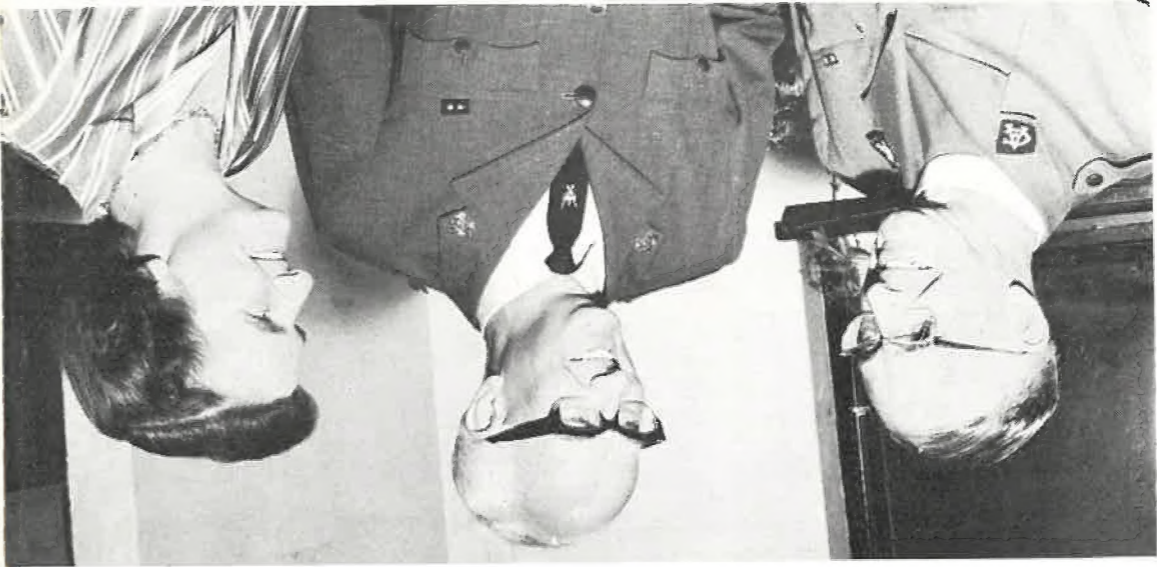
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all the force of logic seems unable to convince us beyond a certain point. This is doubtless where faith comes in. We reach a point when we say, "Although reason in itself cannot convince me, yet I cannot go on in indecision, life is too short. I believe God, I have faith in Him, and I will act on that premise!". So faith then is an attitude we adopt when we are not necessarily at a point of final proof. But we have to get on with living, and if our faith is in the Christian God we obviously try the principles which Jesus set before us.

Where are these principles? Scattered up and down the Gospel of course. Taught and implied both by the words and life (and indeed death) of Jesus of Nazareth.

Matthew 5 summarizes much of our Lord's moral teaching. It could be helpful to look fairly closely then at the Sermon on the Mount, especially the beatitudes. These are the pronouncements of the King to His Kingdom. The New Testament equivalent of the Ten Commandments. They are therefore given greater depth and meaning: they do not describe acts but a certain sort of character. They do not say (like the Commandments) "do, or do not do, such and such", but BE such and such.

(To be continued in another issue).
(This article is the fourth of a series originally printed in the English Church Army's magazine, "Spearhead", and is gratefully acknowledged).



—(Newcastle Morning Herald Photo)

After reaching Sydney on the 6th February Prebendary and Mrs. Lynch accompanied by the Federal Secretary, were kept busy with Church Army and other engagements. These included a meeting with the Archbishop of Sydney, a special Church Army evening at St. Alban's, Lindfield, a social evening at the Training College to meet Board members, lecturers, local Officers and students; a day of informal discussions on Church Army affairs with local Officers, attendance at a Church Army Board meeting and a day in Newcastle. The Church Army Women's Auxiliary in Newcastle kindly provided a very fine luncheon which was held in the Cathedral Hall by courtesy of The Dean who also chaired this happy function.

Visits were made to the Church Army's Bookshop at Tyrrell House and before returning to Sydney a quick inspection was made of the "Burgmann House" Hostel for students and apprentices in Mayfield.

On the 13th February our visitors left for New Zealand on the next stage of their world-wide tour of Church Army Societies. Their visit here was of great value in strengthening our ties with the Parent Society in Great Britain and in providing an opportunity for discussing matters of interest and concern to all who serve within the Church Army as Lay Evangelists of the Anglican Church.



—(Photo by Ralph Cooke, Hornsby, N.S.W.)

Captain and Mrs. Keith South were the first to be married in our Training College Chapel and so we felt it appropriate to print this delightful picture of the happy young couple signing the marriage register after the service.

PARTNERS IN LIFE AND SERVICE

THANKS :

We never seem to be short of reasons for offering praise and thanksgiving to God for His blessings and mercies. This also means that there are many Christian people for whose kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity we give heart-felt thanks. It would be impossible to list here all the thanks we would like to express so will mention just three.

Christmas Appeal—Will all our supporters accept our grateful thanks for their gifts and especially those who have had no acknowledgment because they requested us not to send them a receipt.

Used Stamps—These continue to come in steadily and sometimes with no indication of the sender. We are glad to receive any quantities and here express our thanks to all who continue to send them and trust that others will start to send us their used stamps to boost this form of help.

Harvest Festival Goods—A number of Sydney parishes send these to our Training College every year and this is a great help in reducing College expenses for which we are most thankful. If any other local parishes would like to help in this way they can be assured that their offering would be warmly received.

"DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST" : What a joy it is to see new, keen young Officers coming into the work to increase the Church Army's contribution to the Church's work of evangelism.

On the night of the 23rd January at the evening service, the training of three young men culminated in their Admittance to the Office of Evangelist, by our President The Most Rev. Sir Philip Strong. The next morning in the College Chapel at a service of Holy Communion taken by our Honorary Warden, these three Evangelists were Commissioned as Church Army Officers by the Federal Secretary.

Will you join your prayers with ours for these three young men in their first appointments? Pictured above they are—**Captain Stanley Lister** who has joined the staff of the Denham parish in

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the Sydney Diocese. **Captain John McKnight** has gone to the Grafton Diocese on the staff of the Ballina parish, and **Captain Ronald Wallis** is in the Sydney Diocese on the staff of the Dee Why parish where he has a special responsibility for work among the surfs.



We were particularly pleased that our President was able to stay at the Training College over the weekend and then share in the Commissioning service on the Monday morning, and at the morning tea afterwards when the new officers were welcomed into the Society.

HON. MEDICAL ADVISER : We have always been encouraged by the ready help of many people in meeting the varied needs of our Society. It was therefore a great pleasure recently to welcome yet another helper in the person of Dr. L. Loewenthal, as our Honorary Medical Adviser. Dr. Loewenthal's services will be mainly in connection with candidates and the Training College and we thank him for his willingness to help us in this way.

HELEN SUSAN KEOUGH : The Church Army continues to grow and we warmly congratulate Captain and Mrs. Keough on the birth of their first child on the 17th February. It so happens that the arrival of Helen coincides with Captain and Mrs. Keough's new appointment to the parish of Port Macquarie where Captain began work at the end of January. We wish them all much joy and God's blessing in their family life and in the work of their new parish.